

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MARCH 11, 2003

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Lancaster called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION – Invocation was given by Chairman Pamela Lancaster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Dick Hartman, Bud Jeffries, Bob Humiston and Pamela Lancaster. Robert Rye was absent. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGI.

Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following items by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes from the February 25th meeting
2. Accept and place on file the keno audit
3. Accept and place on file the office reports from the County Attorney, Hall and Howard County Juvenile Services, County Court, County Clerk and County Sheriff
4. Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
5. Accept and place on file communications as received
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Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no, with Rye absent. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT
FEBRUARY 2003

TITLE FEES STATE	\$14,296.75
TITLE FEES COUNTY	\$ 7,451.25
RECORDING FEES	\$ 20.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$ 525.00
PHOTO FEES/FAX FEES & MISC.	\$ 25.50
PLAT BOOKS/OTHER	
CERTIFIED COPIES MARRIAGE LICENSES	<u>\$ 95.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 22,413.50

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
FEBRUARY 2003

JUVENILE REFERRALS	13 JUVENILES
JUVENILE OFFENDERS	1 JUVENILE
JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST	0 JUVENILES
TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION	201 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$1,217.00

OFFICE REPORT
HOWARD COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
FEBRUARY 2003

JUVENILE REFERRALS	0 JUVENILES
TOTAL JUVENILE ENROLLEES	27 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED FOR MONTH	\$0.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FISCAL YEAR	\$ 1,525.00

OFFICE REPORT
COUNTY COURT
FEBRUARY 2003

FINES (CO.)	\$49,065.42
OVERLOAD FINES	900.00
REIMBURSE SHERIFF FEES	1,925.73
WORK RELEASE FEES	1,376.00
REIMBURSE FAX COPIES	44.00
FINES (CITY)	9,906.50
REIMBURSE WITNESS FEES	660.87
BOND FORFEITURES	3,167.14
REIMBURSE CO. FEES	8.00
TOTAL	\$ 67,053.66

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF
JANUARY 2003

FEES, MILEAGE, MISC	\$17,556.85
COPIES	85.50
HANDGUN APPLICATIONS	60.00
TITLE INSPECTIONS	2,510.00

2 COUNTY ATTORNEY – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF ESTRAY ANIMAL – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz presented the resolution for approval. This animal was found and in order to determine who owned it the brand inspector was contacted, but the owner was not found. The animal was sold to cover the cost of transporting and the balance of \$253.90 went to the county. The funds are held for one year by the County Treasurer and then will be paid to the school fund. The required time has lapsed and no one has come forward to claim the animal. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve Resolution #03-0008 for the disposition of proceeds. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no, with Rye absent. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH HALL COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR PLACEMENT OF ANTENNA – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that the county needs to place an antenna on the top of Centennial Towers to be used for the law enforcement mobile data system. This agreement will allow the county to place the towers on the building. No consideration will be paid. The County will maintain the insurance and pay the utility bills incurred. This is a one-year agreement and can be terminated with a 90-day notice. Hartman made a motion and Arnold seconded to authorize the chair to sign the agreement. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no, with Rye absent. Motion carried.

7 EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSONNEL – Jeffries made a motion and Humiston seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no, with Rye absent. Motion carried.

9:10 executive session

9:38 a.m. recessed executive session they will continue later

BRIAN DAWE WITH CORRECTIONS USA PRESENTATION REGARDING JAIL PRIVATIZATION ISSUES – Brian Dawe, executive director of Corrections USA, 63 East, Thayne, Wyoming, was asked to come to Hall County to address the issues of a private jail. In 1982 he organized a non-profit organization to address corrections issues across the nation. They represent 90,000 correction officers in 40 states.

Corrections USA is about the safety of the officers. Private jails have hidden costs. The hidden costs come from dealing with the higher number of escapes and assaults. The guards do not have the authority to apprehend inmates so that falls on law enforcement people.

Mr. Dawe quoted statistics from the Bureau of Prisons and the US Marshall Service and other information that shows that private jails cost more. There are hidden costs that drive the cost of private prison up. There are effects on public safety because of the higher number of escapes. He also stated that because they are private they do not have to report the information regarding the assaults and escapes from private facilities. Since 1998 his organization has tried to watch the industry and publish this information

Staff training and experience maintain the safety in a jail. Statistically in private facilities pay, training and experience are lower so there is higher turn over. Assaults on guards are 67% higher and assaults on inmates are 49% higher. Only government can incarcerate but the community pays for the lawsuits and the guards can be sued individually if they work in a private facility. Mr. Dawe stated you cannot put a dollar value on safety.

Arnold said he appreciated the information but there are other studies that support private facilities and he questioned the issue of disclosure on the assaults and escapes.

Lancaster stated that Hall County is trying to get all of the information that they can.

Eriksen stated that there is a difference in the private construction and the private operation. He stated that Mr. Dawe raised good issues and he is concerned with the safety issues but the county will still have the board of corrections to oversee the jail.

Chairman Lancaster stated that public participation will be held later because of the scheduled public hearing.

10:00 a.m. PUBLIC HEARING 1 & 6 ROAD PROGRAM – Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to open the public hearing. The board members received a copy of the plan. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no. Rye was absent.

Dan Hostler and Jeff Palik were present and reviewed the 1-year plan. Project C40 121. The Cairo East project will now be completed because they will be able to purchase the right-of-way. C40 (259) and C40 (277) are two bridge projects and C40 (311) is another bridge project. The railroad crossings at 90th, 60th and 190th roads will be closed and removed. C40(319) is a box culvert project. As the work on the Wood River Warm Slough has been completed one bridge on the floodway will have to be replaced with a box culvert. They will also work on the seeding and landscaping on the South Locust project.

In the 6-year plan Project C40 (95) was deleted because the area was annexed by the City of Grand Island. It will now be project C40(327). This is on Schimmer Drive on the south side of Ponderosa.

Eriksen questioned stated he would like to see a master road plan and he questioned if the county will be able to maintain all of the roads. Hostler stated that the State of Nebraska provides a classification map and this is what is followed. Eriksen questioned if the new bridges can handle all of the new farm equipment and weight. Hostler stated that the bridges are all posted and the new bridges are built to handle the weight.

Chairman Lancaster called for public response.

Dick Pitcher, 160 Ponderosa Court requested to speak to the county board. He stated that the residents of this subdivision have requested that something is done with Schimmer Drive and he understands that this project will be addressed in 2004. He stated he appreciates that this will be done. This area was annexed to the city and it is in their 1&6 Plan.

Hartman questioned if the county paves township roads. Mr. Hostler stated that the county couldn't pave a township road if it is a minimum maintenance road. The classification would have to be changed and if it is then the state would also pay.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to close the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Bob Rye absent. Motion carried.

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve Resolution #03 –007 for the 1 & 6 Road Plan. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Bob Rye absent. Motion carried.

10:15 a.m. DAVE STAROSTKA TO DISCUSS LEASING SPACE FOR HHS FUNCTIONS – Dave Starostka, 176 Ponderosa Court was present and stated that he recently purchased the old Quality Farm Store and has rented part of it to another farm equipment supplier. There is still 36,000 square feet left in the building. He distributed a floor plan of the space showing how it could be remodeled for possible office space for HHS. There would be ample parking available.

Hartman stated that the county has to furnish 5,900 square feet to HHS and the parking would be an asset.

Arnold stated that it would be ideal to consolidate the two HHS offices and they would like to be in one location. Mr. Starostka stated that they could be competitive if the county is looking for space.

Lancaster stated that this would go to the long-range planning committee and they would put out an RFP for the necessary space.

Arnold asked Mr. Starostka if he knew if the state was going to move HHS and he stated that the Grand Island Office is on the top of the list to relocate. Arnold stated that the parking would not be an issue at this location.

Public Participation - Chairman Lancaster requested that Stacy Ruzicka check to see if there was anyone that was interested in speaking for public participation. No one responded.

10:30 a.m. held the board of correction meeting.

16. COMMENCE AUDIT OF BIWEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT
Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve the biweekly pay claims. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Rye absent. Motion carried.

11:10 a.m. held the board of equalization meeting.

BOARD ASSISTANT REPORT – Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka stated that she received late information on the Central District meeting in Kearney on March 20th. If the board members want to attend, the meetings start at 9:00 a.m. She requested that the board members stop after the meeting in the committee meeting room to look at some pictures. Ag-Day will be at Fonner Park today until 2:30 with 4th grade students from area schools if the board members would like to stop. Stacey reported that she, Jerry Janulewicz and Marla Conley will be meeting to address the HIPPA regulations. Hall County will need to be in compliance so there will be resolutions, a steering committee and policy and procedures that will need to be in place.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman – no report

Humiston – no report

Eriksen – He attended the legislative hearing in Lincoln.

Jeffries – He attended the jail tours and a conditional use committee meeting. The parks committee also met and discussed closing the park for camping because of the construction. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

Arnold – He attend the building and grounds committee meeting and a criminal justice committee meeting. He also attended the jail tours and they received good information.

Lancaster – She reported that she attended the press conference for the announcement that the apache helicopter base will be located in Grand Island. She also attended the hearing for LB 656 and testified at the hearing. She also reported on LB 413 that would cut funding for Midland Area Agency on Aging programs. She also attended the jail tours.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. the next meeting will be March 25, 2003.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

REMINDER – The County Board meetings may be viewed on GITV Cable Channel 6 on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and Friday at 8:00 a.m.